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WEEKEND MASSES
Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION
Kingscote at 9.00am (prior to Mass)

INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING
We are a safeguarding Organisation.

We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

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FIRE SAFETY
In case of a fire, please exit the front or rear door and gather on the lawn area near the Church. At the time, the Commentator will inform you of which door to exit safely.



FIRST READING
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps 127:1-5
Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R)

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R)

SECOND READING
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Jn 15:4,5
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

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KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Brianna Chudlee, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, MaryAnne Higgs, Peter Barker

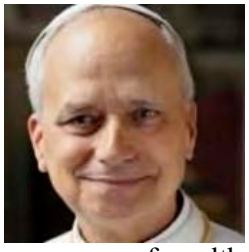
November anniversaries: Jim Airton, Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke , Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, Roy Gaton, John and Dien Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Paniza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson

Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.

PRIEST ROSTER

Nov 15 Fr Jack Wojack

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER



For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

We will be celebrating Holy Communion and Confirmation on 29 November this year. The Archbishop and Fr Lancy will concelebrate this special occasion.

Please keep Glena and Collin and their families in your prayers.

POPE LEO VISITS SOUTH AMERICA

Pope Leo XIV's visit to South America is bringing a message of faith, hope, peace and unity.

In a city transformed into something resembling both a vast open air Marian shrine and an Argentine soccer stadium, Pope Leo celebrated the final Mass of his visit to Argentina.

The Holy See Press Office reported that more than 2 million people had converged on Luján for the November 11 Mass. The district has only 111,000 residents, meaning the crowd was approximately 20 times its normal population.

Pope Leo's vestments offered a final visual synthesis of the celebration. Instead of the green ordinarily associated with Ordinary Time, he wore a pale blue chasuble embroidered in gold with the mantle of Our Lady of Luján. The colours evoked both the Virgin and the Argentine flag.

Visiting communities with which he has a deep personal connection, particularly in Peru where he served as a missionary and bishop for many years, he is encouraging people to overcome divisions, care for those experiencing poverty and work together for the common good.

He reminds us that the mission of the Church is about "Sharing the joy of the Gospel, announcing the Good News and walking together with people."

His words are a timely reminder that we are all called to live our faith by walking alongside others, especially those most in need.

COP31 - THE UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CONFERENCE

where countries pledge to cut their fossil fuel emissions and pay reparation for those countries most affected, is taking place in Türkiye from 9–20 November, 2026.

Recent discussions with Pacific Island nations have highlighted the challenges they face from rising sea levels, coastal erosion and extreme weather.

As people of faith, we are called to care for God's creation and stand alongside those most vulnerable.

Let us pray that world countries and our own decision makers will take seriously the need to limit fossil fuel use and be generous in supporting those most affected.

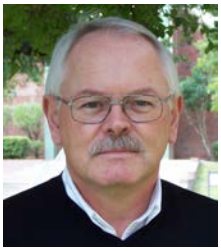
WHAT'S ON

15 Nov St Vincent de Paul Appeal
29 Nov First Sunday of Advent
6 Dec Second Sunday of Advent
13 Dec Third Sunday of Advent
20 Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent
11 Dec School term 4 ends
25 Dec Christmas Day

MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
15 Nov	S Semler, L Grant	H Mumford, K Hammat	C Brinkley
22 Nov	K Hammat, M Glynn	W Bennett, S Semler	C Brinkley
29 Nov	S Semler, L Grant	P Bennett, W Bennett	A Clark
6 Dec	P Clark, W Bennett	A Bevan, H Mumford	A Clark
13 Dec	K Hammat, S Semler	P Bennett, L Grant	A Clark
20 Dec	S Heath, P Bennett	S Semler, K Hammat	A Clark
25 Dec	*... Please put your name on the sheets in the Church ...*		
27 Dec	M Slagter, W Bennett	K Hammat, S Semler	A Clark





Ron Rolheiser column

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ADULT CHILDREN OF RENE DESCARTES

For ten years, I was part of a pastoral team that conducted a program for couples preparing for marriage. My job was to give a talk on the sacrament of marriage. The scenario was always the same. We would meet on a Monday evening, about thirty couples and myself. There would be the standard introductions and then I would give a fifty-minute lecture on the theology of marriage, followed by a question period. The first question was always the same: "*Why do we have to take this course?"*

This was fair enough, given that of the thirty couples present only about four or five wanted to be there. The rest were there reluctantly, meaning they came only because they knew that if they didn't take this course they could not get married in their respective churches.

So, their first question usually reflected some resentment, but it also reflected something much deeper, namely, the absence in them of any meaningful sense of the corporate body of humanity, of our interdependence in that body, and of the body of Christ.

Invariably they would justify their reluctance to be there in this way: "Why do we have to take this course? Whose business is this anyway? Why are my parents, the church, and society trying to interfere in my life? This is *my* life, *my* choice, *my* marriage, *my* honeymoon, and skin off *my* teeth if it doesn't work out! This is not your business, the church's business, my parents' business, or society's business! What's your stake in *my* life?"

Indeed, *what's your stake in my life?*

In that challenge, one hears the lonely voice of Rene Descartes (1596-1650), all those centuries ago, settling on the one thing that he could be sure of and build upon: "*I think, therefore I am!"* These young people, for all their sincerity and goodness, at least at this stage of their lives, were more children of Rene Descartes than of Jesus Christ.

Rene Descartes, the seventeenth century French philosopher whose ideas helped to shape both the enlightenment and many of our modern ideas, began his philosophy with the idea that the only thing we can be sure of as real is our own reality (*Cogito, ergo sum*). We are inside of ourselves and our own reality is massive, real, and undeniable. Everything else appears less real and is real in relation to us.

In street language this says: *I am real. My life, my thoughts, my feelings, my heartaches, my headaches are real. Everything else is outside me and less real*. I can relate to it, but it's separate from me. I'm independent of it and it's independent of me. In the end, we're all separate from each other, isolated subjects, able at times to temporarily penetrate each other's reality, but ultimately separate, alone, independent. What's real is my life, my experience.

In the secularised world today, we are very much the children of that idea. Granted, it has a very positive side: Our belief in this idea is one of the reasons why we cherish and defend equality and individual rights. Western democracy and the various charters of freedoms that we so much take for granted have, to some degree, been underwritten by this idea of personal freedom.

However, Descartes' emphasis on individuality has an underside. Among other things, this is reflected in a lack of a sense of interdependence and a false notion of freedom that was so manifest in the objections of those young people who were reluctantly taking this marriage course. In their minds, nothing is inherently owed to family, community, and humanity. Why should there be? After all we stand independent of these and we can decide on our own, to what degree we want to buy in, get involved, give ourselves over, participate in, and acquiesce to others' expectations of us. Others have their lives and I have mine!

This is also manifest today in the attitude people (of all ages) have towards marriage: "Why do we need to get married publicly? This is just between the two of us. We have our own commitment to each other and that's enough. Who needs a piece of paper? This is nobody's business but ours."

Such an attitude would be valid, if we weren't in our very makeup social beings, irrevocably bound to each other in life. How different from Descartes and contemporary culture is the Christian idea that we are all parts of one body, a single organism, within which one part can't say to the other: "This is my life and it's no business of yours?"

Two voices, two choices, two visions: Rene Descartes and Jesus Christ. One speaks of private freedom, loneliness, and individuality; the other of interdependence, community, and shared life. Like *Adult Children of Alcoholics*, we, *Adult Children of Rene Descartes,* might want to reflect more on what we carry unconsciously in our lives because of the household we grew up in.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: www.ronrolheiser.com

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

For those of you who wish to make your weekly contributions to the first and second collections by direct debit, these are the banking details for each.

1st Collection (Support for Priests):
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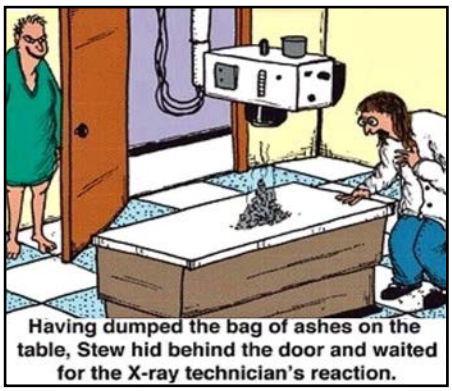
Reference: Your name

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What are your talents and gifts? How do you use them?
- When do you feel like a 'good and faithful servant'?
- What image of God is presented in this passage? Is he the stern task-master who judges harshly, or the generous one who entrusts great treasure, which must be used wisely so that it will grow?
- What is your image of God? Spend time in reflection on this question this week.
- Share stories of times when you were too afraid to take a risk. What was the outcome? How do you feel now about opportunities lost through being overly cautious?
- This week, use your talents explicitly for the good of others.



Having dumped the bag of ashes on the table, Stew hid behind the door and waited for the X-ray technician's reaction.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrust-ed his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

DID YOU KNOW?

- A Jewish talent was a very substantial sum of money. A shekel contained about 14.5g of silver; a *talent* contained more than 43,000g! It was about the price of an ox.
- Being an absentee landlord was as common in the time of Jesus as it was in later history.
- The 'talents' are not equally distributed. In God's plan all are endowed with different 'talents' so that we will recognise our need for each other and practice generosity, kindness and the sharing of the abilities we have.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(16 - 22 November)

- ***Monday, 16:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43)
- ***Tuesday, 17:*** St Elizabeth of Hungary (Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10)
- ***Wednesday, 18:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Rev 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28)
- ***Thursday, 19:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Rev 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44)
- ***Friday, 20:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (Rev 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48)
- ***Saturday, 21:*** The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (Rev 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40)
- ***Sunday 22:*** Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE (Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46)

PASTORAL CARE

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